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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 19, to read as follows:

Thus, the determination of percent identity between any two sequences can be accomplished using a mathematical algorithm. One preferred, non-limiting example of a mathematical algorithm utilized for the comparison of sequences is the algorithm of Myers and Miller (1988) *CABIOS* 4:11-17. Such an algorithm is utilized in the ALIGN program (version 2.0), which is part of the GCG sequence alignment software package. A PAM120 weight residue table, a gap length penalty of 12, and a gap penalty of 4 can be used with the ALIGN program when comparing amino acid sequences. Another preferred, nonlimiting example of a mathematical algorithm for use in comparing two sequences is the algorithm of Karlin and Altschul (1990) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:2264, modified as in Karlin and Altschul (1993)